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Hi Jeffrey

Thanks for a great evening, dinner and use of the apartment. We appreciate you staying up late with an early flight. We were tired too, but it was a memorable night.

I've attached 3 recent papers. The first is an updated review of our Orch OR theory by me and Roger Penrose, including criticisms and our responses. The second is a chapter about the origin of life and how feelings drive evolution (its in proof form but the book is now out). The third is about how anesthesia works. We've since extended it to all anesthetics and the correlation holds up beautifully.

Below is the draft of the first announcement for our 24th annual TSC conference to be held in Shanghai next June. You're invited.

best,
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'The Science of Consciousness'

June 6-9, 2017

Disneyland Shanghai Resort, Shanghai, China

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'The Science of Consciousness' ('TSC') is the world's largest and longest-running interdisciplinary conference on all aspects of the nature of conscious awareness, feelings and existence. These include how the brain produces consciousness, how consciousness can causally affect brain processes, the best empirical theories, do we have free will, evolution of life and consciousness, the origins of moral and aesthetic values, how to improve mental, physical and cognitive function, and whether consciousness can persist after bodily death, e.g. through 'uploading' to machines, or via mental processes tied to the structure of reality. These and other relevant questions are approached through many disciplines in science, philosophy, business, the arts and contemplative practices.

TSC began in 1994 at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona, and returns to Tucson in even-numbered years, alternating with TSC conferences around the globe (Italy, Denmark, Japan, Hungary, Hong Kong, Sweden, Czech Republic, India and, most recently, Helsinki, Finland in 2015). Now, co-sponsored by the Center for Consciousness Studies at the University of Arizona, and Crystal Globe, Shanghai, China, the 23rd annual TSC will be held at the new Shanghai Disneyland Resort, June 6-9, 2017, emphasizing modern concepts in the light of ancient traditions.

For example, many see the brain as a computer, with consciousness emerging from complex computation among brain neurons, or from as-yet-unknown circuits or features of biological matter and energy. This approach motivates 'brain mapping', artificial intelligence ('AI') and efforts to 'upload' human minds into conscious machines. On the other hand, some see consciousness as a fundamental property of the universe, akin to mass, spin or charge, rather than emerging from them. These approaches include panpsychism, dualism, idealism, Eastern philosophy, Whitehead, quantum physics and cosmology.

The conference will consist of Plenary talk sessions, Concurrent talk sessions, Posters, Technology and Art Exhibits, Social Events, Entertainment, Pre-conference Workshops and Satellite Excursions. Abstract submissions are invited for consideration for Plenary and Concurrent Talks, Posters and Exhibits. Abstract submissions will open November 1, and authors will be notified by December 31. Guidance and assistance will be offered to registrants for Chinese Visas (required), travel and sightseeing.

Session Themes for TSC 2017 include

Language and consciousness
Brain disorders and the conscious mind
Noninvasive brain stimulation
Brain mapping, mind uploading and conscious machines
Brain biology and evolution
Chinese medicine and Eastern philosophy
Fractal-like hierarchies in brain and mind
Cosmology and fundamental physics
Perception and reality
Memristors in the brain?
Transpersonal psychology
Quantum cognition and social interaction
Music and consciousness
Neuroeconomics, empathy and 'the greater good'

TSC 2017 Speaker s will include

Allan Hough, IPMC, National Yang Ming, Taipei City
Ben Goetzl, OpenCog, Hong Kong
David Chalmers, NYU
Deepak Chopra, Chopra Center, UCSD
Elaine Chew, Queen Mary University, London
Evalina Fedorenko, Harvard Medical School
George Northoff, University of Ottawa
Jaipai Dai, Wuhan University
Jerome Busemeyer, Indiana University
Leon Chua, UCSF
Li Hengwei, Zhejiang University
Meijuan Lu, Indiana University

Nai Ding, Zhejiang University
Nicholas Humphrey, Cambridge
Noam Chomsky, MIT (remote by video)
Stuart Hameroff, University of Arizona
Tang Xiaowei, Zhejiang University
Ted Gibson, MIT

Musical Entertainment

Cuijunzhi
Wu Na
Elaine Chew
Dorian Electra and the Electrodes

Pre-Conference Workshops (June 5, 2017)

DEI East-West Forum
Quantum Biology
Transformative Technology and Brain Stimulation
Consciousness in Business and the 'Greater Good'
Transpersonal Psychology
Music and Consciousness
Chinese medicine

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